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Re: KPUG(AM), Bellingham, Washington
Facility Identification Number: 58887
Saga Broadcasting, LLC
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed July 12, 2010, on behalf of Saga Broadcasting, LLC (Saga). Saga requests further extension of the special temporary authority (STA) granted on February 6, 2004, to operate Station KPUG with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, Saga states that it is in the process of preparing its antenna system for a Method of Moments ("MOM") proof of performance, but that the project was delayed by adverse weather conditions.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that License Application BMML-20100722HYX is pending before the Commission; thus, the licensee has made substantial progress toward restoration of licensed operation and extension of STA is warranted to allow time for processing of the application. The STA is modified based on the information provided.

¹ KPUG is licensed for operation on 1170 kHz with 10 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only. (DA-N-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KPUG may continue to operate during nighttime hours with its substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna system. Operating parameters shall be maintained within $\pm 5\%$ current ratio and $\pm 3^\circ$ phase of those specified in pending Application BMML-20100722HYX. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Saga must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **February 11, 2011**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Saga Broadcasting, LLC